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Al (New) This application is a 35 U.S.C. §371 nationalized application of PCT/US00/19320, filed July 17, 2000, which claims priority to US provisional application serial number 60/144,306 filed July 16, 1999 and to US provisional application serial number 60/153,793, filed September 14, 1999, incorporated herein by reference.

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In the Claims:

Please enter the following amended and new claims. The rewritten clean versions of all the pending claims are provided below. Attached at the end of this paper is an Appendix providing an indication of the changes relative to the prior version of the claims, as now required by Rule 121(c). The amendments are of the claims submitted on August 6, 2001, during Chapter II of the PCT.

1. A mono-layer or multi-layer film, sheet, or coating wherein at least one layer displays a surface microstructure, which layer is a thermoplastic polymeric material and characterized by fringes, said fringes being characterized in that they are non-perforated crater-like peaks which are at least partially hollow with at least about 25 percent of the volume at the top of the peak being empty and have a height of at least about 40 microns or more, in a density of 1000 or more per square centimeter.

2. A film, sheet or coating according to claim 1, wherein the fringes have a height in the range of from 40 microns to 1 millimeter.

3. A film, sheet or coating according to claim 1, wherein the fringes have a hollow depth ratio, which is the ratio of the average inner height to the average maximum height of the fringe, of 1.3 or lower, as determined by optical surface profilometry.